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SUBJECT: CLUSTER MUNITIONS: ROMANIA NOT ATTENDING OSLO
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Classified By: POLCONS Ted Tanoue; Reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

(C) POLMILOFF delivered on February 14 reftel demarche on Cluster Munitions (CMs) and left behind talking points as a non-paper to MFA Director for Combating Terrorism and Arms Control Nineta Barbelescu. Barbelescu noted that Romania did not endorse the Oslo statement in February, and was not planning to attend the next meeting of the Oslo Process in Wellington. She said Romania attended as an observer in the process from the beginning, including having attended the regional conferences in Brussels and Vienna, but was concerned that the meetings were increasingly less open than the CCW. She agreed that the Wellington meeting was inappropriate and pointed out that even participants who were committed to a more limited ban on CMs were feeling less certain about the conditions being imposed at Wellington. She said the push for an open-ended declaration on a universal CM ban has discouraged many others (like Belgium, Poland and Bulgaria) who were no longer thinking of participating from capitals. Barbelescu closed by saying that the GOR will assess -- and share with the U.S. as part of the strategic partnership -- whatever comes out of Wellington.
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